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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 4, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; sixth cutting 92% complete; seventh cutting 60% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to excellent; 41% harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good to fair; 100% mature; 75% grain harvested; Sorghum conditions were mostly poor to very poor; 100% turning color; 69% mature; 32% harvested. Winter wheat conditions mostly fair to poor; 88% emerged. Peanut 57% harvested. Lettuce 60% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good; 50% harvested red. Apple conditions were mostly good; 100% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 63% very short, 35% short and 2% adequate. Wind damage was 2% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 85% damaged and sorghum 70% damaged. No hail damage was reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation November 5, 2012						
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CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS							
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average		
Alfalfa	6th Cut	92	88	100	85		
Alfalfa	7th Cut	60	56	76	42		
Chile	Hvst Red	50	35	61	68		
Corn	Mature	100	95	100	99		
Corn	Grn Hvst	75	25	81	76		
Cotton	Hvstd	41	15	39	37		
Lettuce	Hvstd	60	55	88	67		
Peanut	Hvstd	57	55	49	74		
Sorghum	Mature	69	51	78	76		
Sorghum	Trn Color	100	94	99	100		
W Wheat	Emerged	88	83	94	97		

Additional Comments: Quay: High temps and no rain or precipitation in any form continues our extreme drought conditions. Most cattle producers have reduced herds by half or more or completely dispersed herds to allow pastures to rest. Dry winter wheat is at a good start with some moisture; however, winds and unusual warm temperatures and lack of moisture are quickly taking their toll on the crop. Dona Ana: Pawnee pecan nut harvest complete. Shucks splitting on all other pecans. Lettuce to begin harvest. Seed onions growing well.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES							
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Alfalfa	4	6	20	70	-		
Chile	-	-	35	65	-		
Corn	1	4	46	49	-		
Cotton	4	23	29	15	29		
Pecan	-	1	3	51	45		
Sorghum	31	37	27	5	-		
Winter Wheat	12	33	37	18	-		
Cattle	30	27	37	6	-		
Sheep	37	32	23	8	-		

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES								
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus				
Northwest	73	27	-					
Northeast	72	28	1	-				
Southwest	63	37	-	-				
Southeast	43	52	5	-				
State Current	63	35	2	-				
State-Last Week	57	35	8	-				
State-Last Year	53	41	7	-				
State-5-Yr Avg.	25	43	32	-				

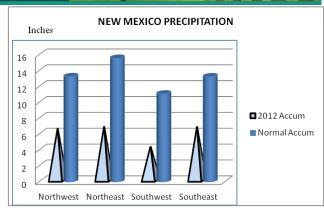
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RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Northwest	51	37	12	-	-		
Northeast	77	20	3	-	-		
Southwest	-	50	50	-	-		
Southeast	62	22	16	-	-		
State Current	62	27	11	-	-		
State-Last Week	53	31	15	1	-		
State-Last Year	57	27	12	3	1		
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	21	37	23	3		



### Weather Summary

Average temperatures this week were in the upper 50's to mid 40's across the state which ranged from 13 to 5 degrees above normal. No notable precipitation.

	<u> </u>			ONDITIONS – October 29 – November 4, 2012					
Station		Temperatur	e		Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	<u>Month</u>	Accum.	<u>Normal</u>	Normal	
N (1 )				29 Oct - 04 Nov	01 Nov- 04 Nov	01 Jan-04 Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	56.6	74	37	0	0.00	5.73	0.43	8.38	
Chama	42.0	68	19	0	0.00	12.82	1.72	19.81	
Farmington	49.8	73	27	0	0.00	2.44	0.94	8.12	
Gallup	44.5	72	19	0	0.00	5.36	0.95	11.91	
Grants	47.0	74	22	0	0.00	6.46	0.58	10.14	
Johnson Ranch	44.6	70	19	0	0.00	1.31	0.69	10.85	
Los Alamos	50.8	66	34	0	0.00	6.75	1.02	17.64	
Red River	39.4	61	18	0	0.00	13.02	1.18	19.33	
Santa Fe	51.3	70	29	0	0.00	5.26	0.63	13.21	
Northeast									
Capulin	47.6	72	21	0	0.00	9.93	0.67	16.94	
Clayton	55.8	77	36	0	0.00	6.86	0.52	14.80	
Clovis	57.3	79	34	0	0.00	3.62	0.73	16.97	
Las Vegas	50.6	71	30	0	0.00	7.24	0.58	18.36	
Moriarty	47.3	73	21	0	0.00	9.17	0.40	12.17	
Raton	49.3	74	25	0	0.00	8.64	0.61	16.22	
Roy	-	-	-	0	0.00	4.58	0.50	15.29	
Tucumcari	57.8	83	35	0	0.00	4.42	0.51	13.90	
Southwest									
Animas	61.1	82	42	0	0.00	5.83	0.71	10.62	
Deming	57.9	82	33	0	0.00	3.44	0.64	9.73	
Gran Quivira	53.4	71	34	0	0.00	4.56	0.91	14.92	
Quemado	45.0	73	19	0	0.00	7.71	0.45	13.04	
Socorro	59.0	77	39	0	0.00	1.70	0.47	8.95	
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Southeast									
Alamogordo	57.8	80	35	0	0.00	1.88	0.71	11.92	
Carlsbad	59.1	85	33	0	0.00	10.29	0.59	12.38	
Carrizozo	53.0	76	28	0	0.00	4.16	0.76	12.07	
Las Cruces	59.9	81	38	0	0.00	5.23	0.53	8.72	
Roswell	56.4	83	29	0	0.00	6.98	0.55	12.38	
Ruidoso	49.0	71	27	0	0.00	10.46	0.88	19.72	
Tatum	57.0	81	28	0.01	0.01	8.61	0.55	15.57	